

House Resolution No. 334

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Nellie Marie Holt Dunavant of Caruthersville has been highly instrumental for the past fifty-one years in preparing the R-3 Party, a benefit auction which provides proceeds for such worthwhile service and charitable organizations as The American Heart Association, The Arthritis Foundation, the Juvenile Diabetes Program at LeBonheur Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and the March of Dimes; and

Whereas, founded at a time when polio was a problem in the bootheel of Missouri, the R-3 Party also has helped support the needs of local cancer patients for transportation and other services; and

Whereas, Marie Dunavant also deserves mention of her involvement in local elections as a precinct judge and as a campaigner for people who she felt would respect and honor the privilege of serving the people of Pemiscot County with integrity and honesty; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Marie Dunavant has received numerous awards from the March of Dimes, American Heart Association, and LeBonheur Children's Hospital and has been named Woman of the Year by the Pemiscot County Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, born on August 27, 1917, into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holt, the former Marie Holt has been married to Alvin Dunavant for many years and is justifiably proud to include as family members her nieces and nephews, Phyllis and Joe Franks of McKenzie, Tennessee, and their two sons, Kenny Franks and Randy Franks; John Earl and Barbara Dunavant; Steve and Debbie Dunavant; Rick and Anita Dunavant; and JoAnn and Charles Manz; her brother-in-law, Hubert Dunavant of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and numerous other relatives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the many years of leadership service so generously supplied by Marie Dunavant to the R-3 Party and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Nellie Marie Holt Dunavant of Caruthersville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 334, adopted February 2, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker